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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY AND GSDR APPRECIATE PROMPT  
WASHINGTON ACTION IN PROVIDING 1410 TONS CD BISCUITS, AS WELL  
AS ARRANGING CLARY VISIT. ON BASIS HIS AND OUR DISCUSSIONS  
AND OBSERVATIONS, RECOMMEND USG PROVIDE 10,000 TONS TITLE II  
SORGHUM TO ARRIVE SOMALIA DURING 1ST QUARTER CY75.

ADDITIONALLY WE RECOMMEND PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL  
5,000 TONS CD BISCUITS TO ARRIVE EARLY IN SECOND QUARTER

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OF CY 75. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UPCOMING SECONDARY, "DER" HARVEST SEASON (LATE DEC/JAN) IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 T OF GRAIN, DRASTICALLY BELOW NORMAL. THE PRIMARY "GU" HARVEST OF THE PAST SUMMER WAS A PARTIAL FAILURE, AND NEXT YEAR'S "GU" CROP (HARVESTED IN LATE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER) WILL DEPEND UPON THE RAINY SEASON OF APRIL/MAY. APART FROM THE MAIN HARVEST, THE SMALL CROP IN THE NORTHWEST AREA NEAR HARGEISA, WHICH HAD ADEQUATE RAINFALL THIS YEAR, IS HARVESTED IN JULY/AUGUST AND ONLY AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 4/5,000 T WITH GOOD RAINS. IT IS CLEAR THAT SUBSTANTIAL FOOD GRAIN IMPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED THROUGH AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1975 EVEN IF RAINS ARE GOOD NATIONWIDE NEXT SPRING.

3. BASED UPON INFORMATION WE HAVE TO DATE, OTHER DONOR PLEDGES, PLANNED GSDR PURCHASES AND EXPECTED HARVESTS PRIOR NEXT AUGUST AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 35,000 TO 40,000 T GRAIN. CURRENT ESTIMATES INDICATE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES ON HAND OR EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS TO MEET NEEDS THROUGH JANUARY, WITH THE SMALL DER HARVEST COMING AVAILABLE OVER THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. HOWEVER, FEBRUARY-APRIL PERIOD IS NOT RPT NOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR, AND PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING NEEDED GRAIN FROM OTHER DONORS FOR DELIVERY DURING THAT TIME FRAME ARE VERY SLIM. WE RECOMMEND USG PROVIDE 10,000 TONS SORGHUM TO ARRIVE SOMALIA AS EARLY IN FIRST QUARTER AS POSSIBLE TO PICK UP SLACK ANTICIPATED.

4. AT BEST, THE EARLIEST HARVEST SEASON TO PRODUCE ANYTHING NEAR SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF GRAINS WILL NOT OCCUR PRIOR NEXT SEPTEMBER. EVEN THIS IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RAINY SEASON OF APRIL THROUGH MAY. THEREFORE, VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF FOOD GRAINS WILL HAVE TO BE IMPORTED TO MEET THE FOOD REQUIREMENTS THROUGH AUGUST 1975. WE FEEL THAT, IF US IS ABLE TO HELP MEET NEAR-TERM EMERGENCY SITUATION AS RECOMMENDED PARA. 2 ABOVE, IT CAN PROBABLY LEAVE LONGER-TERM GRAIN NEEDS TO OTHERS. HOWEVER, CIVIL DEFENSE BISCUIT IS AN EXCELLENT ADJUNCT TO GRAINS IN SUPPLEMENTING THE DIET AND WOULD STRETCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AVAILABLE GRAIN QUANTITIES CONSIDERABLY. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT USG PROVIDE 5,000 MT BISCUITS TO ARRIVE SOMALIA AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SECOND QUARTER.

5. OTHER NON-FOOD NEEDS: IN ADDITION TO FOOD NEEDS EXPRESSED ABOVE THERE IS AN OBVIOUS SHORTAGE OF WATER TANKS, E.E. 1,000 TO 2,500 AL. SIZE (THERE SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF 50 GAL. DRUMS AVAILABLE) AND

FOR BLANKETS. WE RECOMMEND THAT PROVISION BEOXADE TO  
PROVIDE 2,500 TO 10,000 COTTON BLANKETS TO THE GSDR  
FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY PERSONS. THIS RECOMMENDATION  
DEPENDENT UPON FUND AVAILABILITY.  
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